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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In accordance with 37 CFR § 1.56, Applicant wishes to call the attention of the Examiner to the following references:

- 1) GB 1 478 291
- 2) DE 23 24 989
- 3) US 5,982,536
- 4) US 3,581,521
- 5) US 2,454,268
- 6) DE 1951 671
- 7) DE 661 055
- 8) DE 38 26 674
- 9) FR 2 629 579

References 1-4 have been cited in the International Search Report and are submitted in order to provide the Examiner with easy access to said references.

Reference 5 is in the English language and therefore needs no further discussion as to its relevance.

Reference 6 discloses an invention that is a protective viewing apparatus on armored spaces, in particular armored vehicles. It has a viewing element that is at a fixed height, that preferably forms a nearly complete ring, and that is accessible from the interior. The viewing element is made entirely or partially of a transparent material and is arranged such that it rotates about the ring axis so that the circumferential surfaces of the viewing element permit outward viewing.

Reference 7 discloses an invention that is a rotatable periscope built-into a roof or the armored wall of an armored vehicle. The optical device is divided into two separate parts, a lens part and an ocular part. The lens part is exchangeable and is arranged in a housing suitable for this purpose. The ocular part is arranged on the housing so it pivots. When the ocular part is pivoted out of the way, the lens part can be removed or inserted into the housing.

Reference 8 discloses a provision made for wrapping of the viewing devices outside the vehicle by means of a cover taking the form of a casing. The viewing angle region of the cover is made of a transparent material. At least this transparent part can be driven by means of a drive, making it possible to set a rotary movement.

Reference 9 discloses an invention that relates to an observation device for military vehicles comprising a cupola 10 provided with at least one episcope 22. In order to improve observation conditions and to have an improved device which is simple, inexpensive and

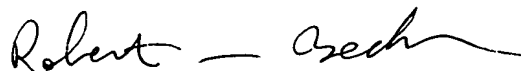
which can be installed in many existing vehicles, the cupola 10 is mounted in a rotary manner on the vehicle 12, such that it can rotate about its axis of symmetry X-X in order to follow the movements of an observer's head and the rotation of the cupola is controlled by a receiver 14 mounted on the cupola and coupled with a transmitter 20 mounted on the observer's helmet.

Copies of the listed documents, with the exception of any US Patent references, are submitted herewith along with the form PTO-1449.

It is respectfully requested that any fees required and not enclosed herewith or any shortages in any fees be charged to Deposit Account 02-1653.

Consideration of the foregoing in relation to this application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

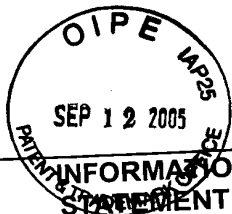


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	1	GB 1 478 291	29 Jun 1977	Great Britain				X
	2	DE 23 24 989	12 Mar 1981	Germany			X	
	6	DE 1951 671	22 Apr 1971	Germany			X	
	7	DE 661 055	09 Jun 1938	Germany			X	
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